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Brandy Phillips  
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999 E Street NW  
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August Monthly Report (07/01/04 - 07/31/04)

Dear Ms. Phillips:

With reference to your letter of October 6, 2004, please note that the in-kind contributions made to Stephanie Herseth for Congress were made for the primary election and for the special general election. Our committee reported total contributions of \$4685.19 for the primary and \$5000 total contributions for the special general election. In your letter you reference Excessive Contributions, but you seem to be confusing amounts paid with amounts incurred. In order to be able to analyze the contributions given for both the special and primary elections you should only count paid amounts.

Please be advised that the in-kind contributions you reference in your letter as Contributions After Election Date to Stephanie Herseth for Congress were actually for the primary period. The four disbursements for American Express and the disbursement to The Guardian were expenses incurred prior to the June 1, 2004 primary and thus properly reported.

Please be advised that Line 15 of our report discloses payments from federal candidate committees for goods and / or services provided by EMILY's List at the usual and normal charge for the goods and / or services provided. The method the Committee uses to determine the usual and normal charge(s) is fair market value.

Please be advised that we are amending the August Monthly Report to provide the name, office sought, state and district of the federal candidate supported by the Independent Expenditures in Schedule E.

If you require further information or clarification, please contact me at (202) 326-1400.

Sincerely,  
Caroline C. Fines  
Assistant Treasurer